UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

NORTHEAST REGIONAL OFFICE/ FISHERY STATISTICS DIVISION RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND TRADE SECTION

Georges Bank Sea Scallop Exemption Fishery

(A preliminary monitoring report) data last updated on **August 9**, **1999**

	Directed Scallop Fishery (meat weight)	Yellowtail Flounder Bycatch (live weight)
Total Allowable Catch (TAC)	9,384,812 lbs. (4,257 mt)*	853,165 lbs. (387 mt)*
Total Catch to date	2,859,449 lbs.	323,298 lbs.
% of TAC	30%	38%

^{* 2,204.56} lbs. equal 1 metric ton (mt)

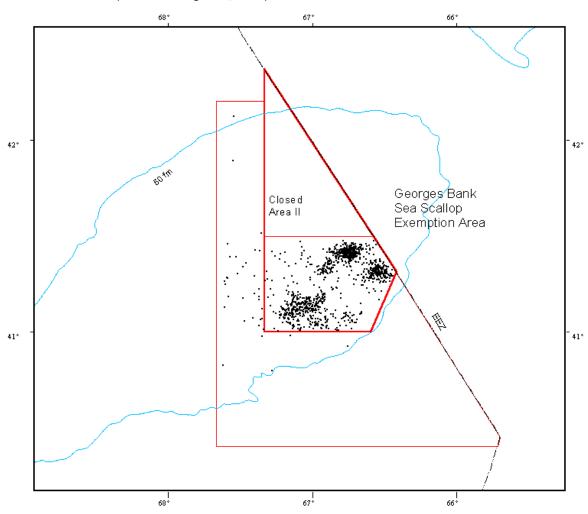
Number of Vessels taking only 1 trip	32
Number of Vessels taking 2 trips	35
Number of Vessels taking 3 trips	70
Total Number of Participating Vessels:	137
Number of Scallop Trips:	312
Percentage of Observed Trips	23%

The reports will be updated every Tuesday and Friday. However, more frequent updates are scheduled when the accumulated catch approaches the TAC. Please call the Sustainable Fisheries Division at 978-281-9278 regarding management issues, or contact John Witzig at 978-281-9232 for statistical data.

Included are figures:

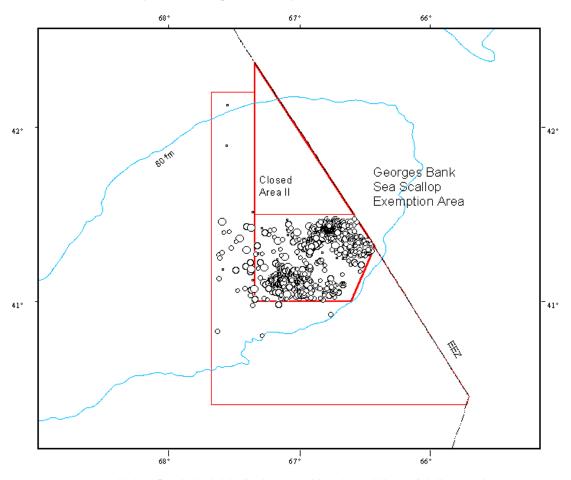
- 1. Sea scallop vessel-days
- 2. Daily sea scallop catch
- 3. Daily observed yellowtail flounder catch

Figure 1. Scallop vessel-days within the Georges Bank Sea Scallop Exemption Area (June 15 - August 8, 1999)



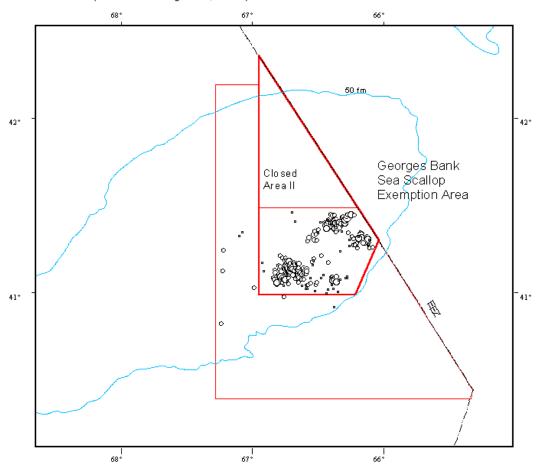
Note: Symbols (·) indicate vessel location at time of daily report.

Figure 2. Daily Scallop catch from the Georges Bank Sea Scallop Exemption Area (June 15 - August 8, 1999)



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Figure 3. Daily observed yellowtail flounder bycatch from the Georges Bank Sea Scallop Exemption Area (June 15 - August 8, 1999)



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Observed Yellowtail flounder Catch (lbs)

- 1 82
 83 255
 256 500
 501 1113
 1114 1766